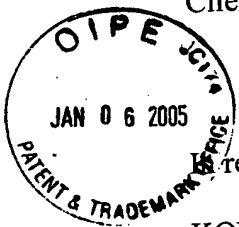


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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination of the above-captioned patent application. This Preliminary Amendment responds to the Office Action dated October 8, 2004, the date for response to which is January 8, 2005. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: